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1. REQUEST LONDON SEND US BY POUCH TWO COPIES OF BOOK DESCRIBED REFTEL.
2. AUTHOR PATRICK SEALE HAS HEARD HERE AT LEAST TWICE ON ENGLISH- LANGUAGE BBC BROADCASTS MAY 16. IN INTERVIEW HE HIGHLIGHTED FOLLOWING: COUP ATTEMPT WAS MASTERMINDED AND FINANCED BY OMAR SHELHI, EMINENCE GRISE OF ANCIENT REGIME HERE. AMERICAN GOVT TOLD LARG ABOUT THE OPERATION-- BECAUSE QADHAFI WAS CONSIDERED A STRONG ANTI- COMMUNIST. IN ANY CASE, SHELHI' S MERCENARIES HAD ALREADY RUN AFOUL OF SEVERAL OFFICIAL EUROPEAN SERVICES WHO TRADITIONALLY SUSPICIOUS OF PRIVATE ADVENTURES.
3. INCIDENTALLY, BBC SAID TITLE OF BOOK WAS " HILTON ASSIGNMENT".
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